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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Trip Report, 3 - 10 December 1968,  
Project [redacted]

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1. Wednesday, 4 December. A formal briefing was presented at Detachment "G" to introduce the [redacted] Project and to initiate Detachment involvement in this project. The following IW-3 cleared personnel were in attendance:

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2. The following subject areas were briefed:
- The NRO requirement.
  - The concept developed to satisfy that requirement. U-2R, [redacted] and System 17B.
  - The Quick Application/Evaluation Program, Phase I, and the follow on, refined program, Phase II.

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d. History of Program development. 25X1D

e. [redacted] vehicle characteristics.

g. Program costs.

h. Phase I approved schedules and suspense dates based on a 4 November 1968 go ahead date.

3. Copies of the briefing slides, approved schedules and available data on the [redacted] were prepared and presented to [redacted] for their discretionary dissemination. 25X1A

Detachment Project Officers were identified as follows:

a. Operations - [redacted] 25X1A

b. Instructor Pilot - [redacted] 25X1A

c. Flight Planner - [redacted] 25X1A

4. Thursday, 5 December. Traveled to Pacific Missile Range, Pt. Mugu NAS, California to discuss requirement/procedures for use of the range and its facilities during the flight test and training phases. Other attendees at this conference were:

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5. Principle areas of discussion were:

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a. Range Scheduling: Top priority will be afforded this project. Procedures for scheduling [redacted] 25X1A flights were established.

b. Range Facilities: All available to support project and include:

(1) Tracking and surveillance radars.

(2) Optical tracking,

(3) Post flight data for critique and analysis.

(4) Control Center with complete communications and real time tracking information.

(5) Air Sea Rescue

c. Range Requirements: Defined and will be incorporated into Detachment "G" and Headquarters planning.

d. Clearances: FAA and PMR procedures were discussed and a few minor changes to normal operations appear necessary.

e. Security Considerations: All referred to [redacted] for action.

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6. Detailed procedures will conform to Headquarters and PMR requirements and agreements will be communicated to involved units in the near future.

7. Friday and Saturday, 6 and 7 December. Discussion and work session with Detachment "G" Commander and Project Officers to develop:

a. [redacted] range safety zone.

b. Sample training route to PMR.

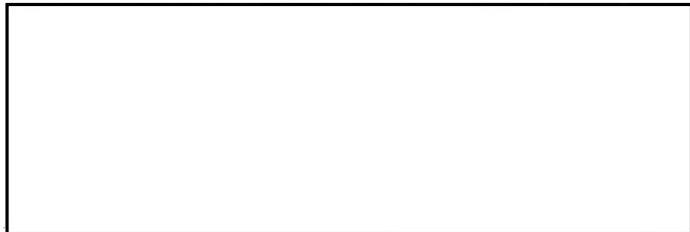
c. Pilot training program.

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Discussions included the forthcoming LAC flight test of the configuration and the operational deployment and employment of the system.

8. Monday, 9 December. Meeting with LAC engineers at the "Skunk Works". In addition to the undersigned the following personnel were in attendance:

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9. Subjects discussed were:

- a. Details of the aircraft modification.
- b. Predicted flight characteristics.
- c. The LAC flight test program.
- d. Development of a flight handbook supplement, and checklists.
- e. Performance data validation.

10. A detailed flight test plan is currently being developed and will be finalized in the near future. The final format of the pilot training syllabus will be determined from test results and the remaining inventory of [redacted] vehicles.

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11. Monday evening, 9 December. Attended an informal meeting with Beech Aircraft Co. representatives. Attendees 25X1A in addition to the undersigned were:



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12. Discussions principally concerned:

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- a. [redacted] reliability and follow on modification.
  - b. The radar enhancement modification.
  - c. Development of normal and emergency procedure checklists.
  - d. Training aids.

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13. [redacted] will be the Beech technical representative for this project and he has agreed to assist in the pilot training program. He will present slide briefings, conduct a hangar classroom and provide technical manuals to be used as training aids.

14. Tuesday, 10 December. Attended D/M/OSA sponsored interface meeting at LAC, Burbank. Details of the meeting should be presented in other trip reports.

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